

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-53 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1, 5, 15, 25, 31, 32, 33, 45, and 53 are independent. New claim 54 is sought to be added. Applicant believes that this new claim neither introduces new matter, nor creates new issues. Accordingly, entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

All of the pending claims have been rejected on various grounds. Each of these rejections involves U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0107985 to Hwang et al. ("Hwang"). In particular, the Examiner has raised the following rejections:

1. Claims 33-34, 36-37, and 45-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Hwang;
2. Claims 1-4, 32, 35, and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hwang in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0004747 to Kheiolomoom et al. ("Kheiolomoom");
3. Claims 38, 43, 51, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hwang in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0061211 to Shultz et al. ("Shultz"); and
4. Claims 5-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hwang in view of Kheiolomoom, and further in view of Shultz.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections for at least the following reasons. Moreover, Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the fact that claims 39, 40-42, 44, and 53 are not addressed by the

outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant requests clarification regarding the status of these claims in the next official communication.

The nonprovisional filing date of Hwang is subsequent to the filing date of the instant application. However, Hwang claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/228,182, filed on August 25, 2000. Accordingly, in order for Hwang to be applicable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), any disclosure of Hwang relied upon by the Examiner must be supported by Provisional Application No. 60/228,182.

Independent claims 1, 32, and 33 recite features involving abbreviated inputs. As recited in these claims, these abbreviated inputs lead to queries to a UDDI registry. On page 11 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that this feature is taught by a “Yes / No / No Comment” interaction that is disclosed in Provisional Application No. 60/228,182. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this assertion.

This interaction disclosed in Provisional Application No. 60/228,182 does not lead to queries. In contrast, this interaction, in itself, defines the response to a push transmission from a remote system. Thus, this interaction is not abbreviated, nor does it involve queries.

In addition to the abbreviated input features of independent claims 1, 32, and 33, dependent claims 10, 11, 20, 21, 30, 54 also recite abbreviated features involving abbreviated search handles. Like the abbreviated inputs discussed above, these features are neither taught nor suggested by the applied references.

Independent claims 5, 15, 25, 31, 45, and 53 recite features involving the entry of queries. On page 12 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that such features are disclosed by Provisional Application No. 60/228,182. In particular, the Examiner states that global access, real time trading, and the changing of user profiles “are equivalent to the claim language ‘the entry of queries’.” Applicant respectfully disagrees because the mechanics of such broad features are not readily disclosed by Provisional Application No. 60/228,182, except in a manner that involves a push mode. As set forth above, this push mode does not involve queries. Instead, this mode involves user interaction in the form of responses.

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For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant requests that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection and objection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections, and allowance of this application.

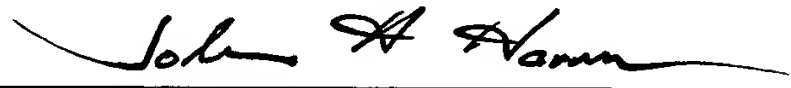
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 4208-4008.

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